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Willowbank adds second campus



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Students and staff of Willowbank's School of Restoration Arts, including administrative co-ordinator Doris Flander, executive director Julian Smith, director of programs Shelley Huson and faculty associate Lisa Prosper, celebrate the purchase of the former Laura Secord School property, just down the hill from Willowbank in Queenston.

Restoration Arts school has 'rare opportunity' to purchase Laura Secord school property

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's a once-in-a-life-time opportunity for Willowbank, and good news for the village of Queenston.

Willowbank's School of Restoration Arts executive director Julian Smith says after almost a year of working with the Town and the school board, he is just days away from signing the agreement to purchase the historic Laura Secord Public School and property in the village of Queenston.

"This is a major milestone for Willowbank," said Smith.

"It marks a coming-of-age, a strong move towards long-term sustainability. It creates a true campus, allowing immediate expansion of our educational and outreach programs. At the same time, it generates new opportunities for the historic Willowbank estate. And it involves us more directly with the village of Queenston."

It is a rare opportunity to have the ability to expand to a second campus so close to home, he said.

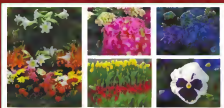
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Community centre celebrates first anniversary

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In the year since the ribbon was cut on the town's new community centre, its success in serving its residents has been firmly established and continues to grow.

With an anniversary celebration planned for Monday, a year to the day since the facility officially opened, it's fair to say its success has far exceeded expectations, says

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program director Kevin Turcotte.

The building was more than 10 years in the planning stages, and on opening day, with afternoon and evening celebrations, there weren't enough parking spaces for the estimated 1,400 extremely impressed people who toured the building, creating standing-room only crowds.

While the 2011 celebration included the success of a huge project completed on time and within budget, Monday's event will highlight the fact that the community acceptance and use of the building surpasses what was expected, said Turcotte.

Service groups, local organizations and businesses use

the Anderson Lane facility for everything from group gatherings and a wide range of exercise and social programs to annual general meetings, he said.

"We're really excited that the community has embraced and used the facility as we hoped, and actually exceeded our expectations."

The rentals are going well, with several stag and doe events and bridal showers booked, and some wedding receptions.

What he is hoping for in the coming year is the wedding rituals—the stag and doe, shower and reception—with the community centre used as a "one stop" location.

The fitness floor has more than 1,000 active members, and more than 35 community groups use the building regularly, he said, some of which were using the old Platoff Street facility and many new programs, including stretching for seniors offered by the Region, zumba, palates and martial arts, all without membership fees, just charges for individual classes.

As the community centre begins its second year, Turcotte hopes to continue to build more programs for seniors and youth. The seniors room is used once a week for card-playing by the Golden Age Club, but he hopes to be able to offer drop-in sessions run by volunteers by day for seniors, and evening programs for youth on such topics as arts, drama, desktop publishing and animation.

The anniversary celebration Monday, March 26 will

include free cake and coffee from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and an opportunity to see what the

new community centre has to offer. For more information call 905-468-4FUN.



The NOTL Carpet Bowling Club, and bowler Jack Hazell, make the most of the new Community Centre, which is far superior for bowling than the old facility on Platoff Street. Monday marks the first anniversary of the opening of the community centre.

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Councillors give first nod to selling alcohol on Commons for Hip concert

Town approval is needed for special events permit

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The Tragically Hip concert will go ahead as planned, with alcohol for sale on the premises thanks to a decision by town councillors.

The organizers required a special event permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to sell alcoholic beverages, and to get the permit, needed the town to declare the concert, to be held Saturday, June 30 at Parks Canada's Butler's Barracks, an event of "municipal significance." The concert is expected to bring revenue to the Town and increase tourism in the area, but a statement from organizers in their

permit application has some town councillors nervous – they said they would like to develop Butler's Barracks as a site that would be used for events in the future and that local businesses can incorporate into their plans for the tourist season.

Councillor Jamie King, who admitted to having his concert tickets and looking forward to the event, said he is concerned about the implication this is just the first of many.

He understood and supported it as a great way to celebrate Canada Day in the bicentennial year, but he isn't convinced it should be an annual event, and certainly not without more public discussion.

He said he's heard rumours that this concert is a "litmus test" for an annual music festival similar to the much-discussed Project Niagara that had many residents worried about noise and traffic, and that failed to secure the necessary

funding.

"I want to see this move forward, and I don't want to be a hindrance," said King.

"but I would like to see broader community discussion if this is going to be on-going."

A second public meeting has been scheduled for April 11 at the Community Centre from 4 to 6 p.m. to discuss possible road closures, preventing parking on side streets, resident passes for those who live on streets that could be closed and emergency access.

Council will have to ratify the committee decision Monday.



Gord Downie and the Tragically Hip will be in NOTL for a concert June 30.

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'One person's wedding is someone else's bush party,' lawyer says of noise bylaw

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A new noise bylaw to deal with noisy tourists, loud motorists and rowdy college students is in the works for Niagara-on-the-Lake, and councillors had another opportunity to listen to citizens' concerns about the proposed bylaw at Monday's public meeting at town hall.

Not surprising was con-

cern on both sides, with some fearing it's too stringent and others concerned it won't be enforced.

On one side of the coin, St. Catharines lawyer John Grossingham spoke on behalf of the owner of the Grand Victorian country inn on the Niagara River Parkway, which has permission to host up to 10 weddings a year in a special events tent. The proposed noise bylaw would shut down music at an outdoor

event at 10 p.m., and that's an hour earlier than the generally-accepted provincial curfew of 11 p.m., he said, asking that the bylaw not be approved, or if it is, that his client be given an exemption for the 10 weddings a year.

He said he believes there is considerable room for abuse of the bylaw which as it stands will cause friction between neighbours.

But one of those neighbours, whose property borders the tented area of the Grand Victorian said in reality, even though she was promised a 10 p.m. deadline for shutting down the music, it is 11:30 p.m. by the time the band wraps up and 1 to 1:30 a.m. before guests disperse.

She not only favours the earlier 10 p.m. curfew but would like to see the town do a better job of enforcing

its bylaw, she said.

She doesn't want to ruin the occasion for bride and groom, but the music seriously impacts on her enjoyment of her property - she and her husband can't sit by their pool for a quiet drink, and can't even plan an inside dinner party on the night of a wedding next door because it's too loud for conversation sitting inside at her dining room table.

Patrick Little, representing a couple who lives in St. Davids, also spoke of the impact of weddings, in this case at a local winery, although he said it could apply in general to wineries which become banquet halls when they host weddings.

He said the music goes on sometimes until after midnight, "and neighbours don't have to be invited to



Patrick Little

not for permanent exemptions as contemplated under the new bylaw, he suggested.

There is no perfect answer to noise issues, he said, but a time restriction should be considered - in addition to the time of day or evening, the number of times an exemption can be granted should be part of the bylaw to balance issues of residents.

Other concerns brought forward by residents were the need to curtail loud motorcycles by defining "good muffling devices" in the bylaw, which as stands is too open to interpretation, and the fear of complaints about private noise management companies who must begin work often as early as 2 a.m. at commercial establishments that sometimes border residential neighbourhoods.

the wedding, they're part of it anyway?"

One person's wedding is someone else's bush party, he said.

Special permits should be made available for exceptional, "one-off" events such as the Tragically Hip concert this summer,



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Bouquets welcome sign of spring

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

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It was about 20 years ago when volunteers with the Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society decided, under the guidance of members John and Nan Ford, that they would deliver spring bouquets to the seniors' homes in town, and to patients at the NOTL Hospital.

John Vandenberg, since retired but at that time working for the town's parks and recreation department, arranged to get the flowers at a low price from a local greenhouse, and a group of volunteers gathered to put the bouquets together while others took charge of delivery.

Last Friday

morning, about 20 volunteers collected in the Virgil arena meeting room and began the task of assembling the bouquets for the annual project, which has come to be known as the Welcome Spring event.

By noon Friday, about 300 seniors in Upper Canada Lodge, Pleasant Manor and Chateau Gardens and patients at the NOTL Hospital had received their colourful bouquets which herald the annual arrival of spring—the flowers are always delivered the Friday before the first day of the season of rebirth.

The flowers were especially welcome this year at Chateau Gardens, says program director Debi Brown. Because of an outbreak of flu, visitors were prohibited, so volunteers left the arrange-

ments at the front of the home for staff to deliver to 124 residents.

"It made a very colourful and spring-like display, and the residents just brightened up at the sight of them. It brings spring inside for them," said Brown.

For those who are ill, it is a part of the healing process,

she said.

"It's not that the flowers are expected every year, but they are very much appreciated. The residents know they are from the horticultural society and they are very happy to see them. At this point the days can seem dreary. It was really a blessing to receive those flowers today."



Barbara Bedell and Claire Tiel (sitting) make flower arrangements with help from Kathryn Durand and Hilary Bellis, all volunteers with the NOTL Horticultural Society. The flowers were delivered to three local seniors residences and the NOTL Hospital Friday.

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our editorial

Noise bylaw touchy issue, sometimes pitting neighbour against neighbour

The Town is working to create a noise bylaw that has some teeth, but each time the proposed legislation is presented to the public for discussion the difficulties inherent in noise control become obvious.

As was said at Monday's committee meeting, one person's wedding is another's bush party.

Noise is so subjective, and with so many variables.

While one person might be able to hear loud music from nearby partying and be quite content to know there is a happy occasion being celebrated or young people having fun, others may find it slightly bothersome and still others may be downright exasperated by it.

And of course the extent of the impact will depend on how loud the noise is, how close by it is, how late in the day and how often it is repeated.

Although loud, late parties are a big part of the reason we need noise legislation, there are other kinds of noises that can impact quality of life—barking dogs, loud motorcycles or trucks, wind machines and bird bangers, screaming children, air conditioning, planes flying overhead, laughing, fighting, lawn mowers and

snow plows—even church bells early on a Sunday morning might be offensive to some.

If one fact became very evident Monday as residents and lawyers addressed the town's proposed bylaw, it is that while it must be enforced, it must also be approached with a healthy dose of common sense and a good measure of sensitivity.

Yes, it's necessary to have legislation that allows bylaw officers and police to control noise that is unreasonable and intolerable, but making that judgement is obviously not an exact science.

We all have a right to enjoy our own homes and properties, but surely we can all show tolerance to the occasional lapses of our neighbours.

However, as was said Monday, those lapses must be just that—exceptions, not the rule.

We applaud the town for its efforts, but really, the brunt of the difficulties to come as we move our lives outdoors for the summer will fall on our bylaw officers. Let's hope they are encouraged to use the tact and sensitivity necessary to handle complaints without heavy-handedness that can aggravate or inflame an already touchy subject.

letters to the editor

We have expensive upgrades but still a no- name airport

Last year, approximately \$12 million was spent

on our NOTL airport to rebuild and resurface the main runway, add a parallel taxiway, add a new security fence, a new airside lighting system, provide more parking, and construct a brand new modern terminal.

Curiously, as the work neared completion, the ratty old sign on Niagara

Stone Road disappeared leaving an equally ratty support structure exposed.

It seems a shame that after completing these major upgrades that somehow we can't get a spiffy new sign for the airport.

Pity.

John Fryer

Kids keeping busy



SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Jimmy Walker, Florence Symowis and Ethan Huch attended an art class last Tuesday at the Niagara Pumphouse during March Break. With the help of artist Esth r Mikolajewski, the children learned how to draw animals with a little inspiration from a live chicken.

Please register for Easter help

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Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

Just a reminder that registration for Easter Dinners is ongoing.

We would like to urge anyone that is in need of an Easter Dinner to please come in person and bring your proof of address. Pick up for the dinners will be on Thursday April 5 from 10 am, until 2 pm.

Please call Newark Neighbours if you have any questions regarding Easter dinner registration.

If possible, we would appreciate if all donations pertaining to Easter be dropped off by Friday March 30 as to give us time to sort through everything and get the dinners ready for the families to pick up.

We will be closed to shopping on Thursday April 5 (Easter dinner pick up only), Good Friday and Easter Monday and opening for business as usual on Tuesday April 10. If possible we would appreciate if you could hold off on any drop-off's of household items & clothing during the time we are closed.

Lastly, with the off shore workers starting to arrive, we are in need of work boots and pots & pans.

All the volunteers at Newark Neighbours would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Our hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday between 9:30 am & 2 pm. We can be reached at 905-468-3519.

letters to the editor

What's behind black list of Town's seasonal employees?

After reading the letters to the editor from Mr. Little and Baas (Niagara Advance, March 8 and 15), I was compelled to add some additional information.

Similar to Mr. Baas, I too, was a top-level management employee as the Director of Human Resources, Labour Relations and Health & Safety. However, due to plant closures, I decided to retire and remain in the Niagara Peninsula rather than moving to Toronto.

Shortly after retirement, I was informed that the Town of NOTL was hiring "older workers", who could demonstrate a variety of skills and versatility along with maintaining high productivity.

I was introduced to the Parks Department supervisor, and following an application, interview and reference check, I was hired - that was five years ago.

During my employment, I successfully operate the garbage trucks and dump trucks (with trailers), the tractor, large grass cutting mowers; snow plowed and operat-

ed other specialized equipment. Our supervisor wanted dedicated employees who took the initiative to perform any job that needed to be done. I was one of those employees (like Mr. Little and Baas) and I received many complimentary letters from my immediate supervisor and his boss, as well as copies of emails to various town-related groups rating my performance as "consistently exceeding expectations" and "an asset to our team".

In mid-summer 2011, a notice was posted advising all employees of a new hiring procedure that was going to be implemented immediately. In a follow-up discussion with the new HR person, I was told that applications for posted jobs would be reviewed and all seasonal employees would be given "preferential consideration".

Unfortunately, this did not appear to be the case, as "new" employees were hired and previous seasonal employees were not even interviewed.

In September 2011, I suffered a hernia while attempting to empty an over-filled garbage pail in the Niagara on the Lake Park, following a neighborhood barbecue. I was assigned four weeks of light duty and returned to full duties in October. Three work days later, immediately following lunch, I was called to a meeting with my supervisor and the Parks Department man-

ager. The manager said, "Thanks for your contributions to the Department. Your employment is ended immediately and the explanation is in this letter." As I was handed an envelope, "Hand in all Town property such as keys, radio etc.". I was shocked by what I was being told and I went to ask a question, but was interrupted by the manager who said there would be no further discussion.

At that point, I extended my hand to him, thanked him for the opportunity to work for NOTL, turned in my supervisor and did the same and left the office saying, "I'm sorry that we have to end our relationship in this manner".

Recently, I have learned that eight of the 10 2011 seasonal employees have been treated in a similar manner as Mr. Little and Baas. Do the Mayor and Council condone this behavior? The 2011 seasonal employee team was the "best" the most dedicated, skilled and hardest working group of employees that worked for the Town in the last five years. Is this the manner in which honorable, professional people deal with hard-working, dedicated employees, who made NOTL world-famous for its beautiful gardens, parks and cemeteries? What happened administrators of NOTL?

I would like to thank the editor for printing this letter. Also, I must thank The Friends of Fort George (Erika and Jim Alexander) and the Lions Club members for their kindness on the July 1 holidays.

Thank you to the early morning walkers for your greetings. Thank you to the employees of the Chamber of Commerce for your friendship and complimentary emails. Thank you to all sales staff and merchants in the Old Town. Thank you to all the contractors and taxpayers who frequented the Stage Coach restaurant in the early mornings.

Further, as a result of the special thank you to the staff of the Stage Coach Restaurant - Pete, Vivi, Katy, Rita and others - your friendship, jovialness and kindness to all of the seasonal employees was truly appreciated.

Richard Atamanyk

Wake-up call to NOTL residents

In the last two years the provincial government has passed laws to increase the density of housing in existing urban areas.

Although Niagara-on-the-Lake is a historic area, with particular charm and character, our Town fathers have not

attempted to get a waiver from these laws despite it being known as "the prettiest village in Canada."

In fact, the planning department has been encouraged to do create areas in these towns and villages that will become yet more dense. For example, in the southern part of NOTL there is now the potential of adding 220 more homes in the next three to four years. It's already started. Most of these will be townhouses, closely packed and with no tree barriers between the subdivisions.

Further, as a result of recent Committee of Adjustment rulings, all corner lot homes in NOTL can now be called "old houses" with backyards that are "undeveloped" and the lot can be turned to the long side and townhouses built on newly severed lots. There are about 450 such corner lots in NOTL alone. Watch as this changes the character and character of NOTL.

The NOTL Town fathers have not enacted by-laws to accommodate these urban changes without significant impact on existing residents. There is no tree by-law, no borders by-law, no legal fence by-law. The Town has no useful and consistently upheld code of conduct. The Lord Mayor's election process is not being met. While numerous Council, Committee of

Adjustment and Planning Department meetings are portrayed as requesting input from the public there is very little evidence that anyone representing the Town actually listens.

At present, any developer can obtain a destruction licence and remove all the trees on a lot without being required to replace them. The developer also typically pays the Town five per cent of robbing local residents of green space in its development plans. The Town has an internal rule for Town trees only that states that if such a tree is destroyed, two new trees will be planted; however, the location can be anywhere in NOTL and the height of the new trees can be very short. Indeed there is no scrutiny of how properties yet to be destroyed, so it is hard to believe that it actually happens. So the Town is not interested in you, the existing residents, but only the new residents who will purchase new properties yet to be destroyed.

Toronto, Mississauga, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines have tree by-laws. Why don't we in NOTL? Please support us in developing a tree and border by-law by-law. There are at least four councillors who are prepared to listen, but we need to persuade the Lord Mayor and the other four Councillors the best for the merit. Your help is needed.

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Neighbours fuming over Paxton townhouses and park

➤ Proposed density increase creates fear of traffic impact

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

An increase in the number of townhouses proposed for the end of a quiet street in St. David's has neighbours fuming.

The village has been growing in leaps and bounds in recent years, and 44 townhouses at the end of Paxton Lane, which would be accessi-

ble only from David Secord Drive off Four Mile Creek Road, is the final corner of a new neighbourhood called the Settlement of St. David's.

It was originally to be a mix of 24 single family homes and townhouses on about five acres of land, but planner Greg Hynde, representing the Paxton family owners, says significant archaeological finds on the property from thousands of years ago have changed its future.

An archaeological assessment revealed an aboriginal settlement, with extensive evidence of toolmaking and the

results of that work, he said.

To build on that would cost upwards of \$500,000, and the owners have decided instead they would like to see a passive park instead on the most sensitive area, with the townhouses around it.

Also, an historic house on the property, thought to possibly have been the house of David Secord and a stop for his sister-in-law Laura Secord on her heroic 32-kilometre trek 200 years ago, could be turned into a museum for some of the artifacts in the area and to explain the significant history of St. David's.

Residents of St. David's might be surprised to find what has been discovered in the way of historic artifacts in their neighbourhood and what has been taken away in the last 10 years, he said.

"We're going to be preserving as well as respecting the old versus the new,"

He said he hopes the Town will take over the park and participate in its evolution, however if the town isn't interested, it would become a public park under condominium ownership.

But neighbours who attended the town's public information meeting, held at the early stage of

the process to provide some insight into the developer's proposal, were more concerned at the significant increase in traffic on their quiet street that would result from a museum they fear will become a tourist attraction, as well as the park and the increase in the number of homes.

In addition to the noise factor, they cited safety issues, had questions about emergency access, and a situation that will devalue their homes.

Residents were also angry at being cut off after just a few minutes for questions after listening to the planners

speak for almost half an hour.

But later in the evening, at Monday's planning advisory committee meeting, councillors voted to ask planning staff to arrange another meeting and ensure all neighbours in the vicinity of the development are notified.

They also suggested residents need to understand that the information meeting was held to allow the developer to present a proposal, that nothing has been decided, that public input is important and that there will be other opportunities for residents to have their say on the project.



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Bicentennial flag flying high downtown

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Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The long-awaited, custom-designed Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial flag has arrived.

After months of design, Bicentennial Committee and Town approvals, the bicentennial flag is now being flown on town-owned utility poles on Queen and King Streets, where it will remain for the three-year celebration.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial flag now flying between the Union Jack and the Canadian flag, was designed by Barbara Gelb,

a local graphic designer, who also designed the Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial logo.

The War of 1812 flag is, at this time, the only one designed and flying to commemorate the bicentennial.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Bicentennial Flags will be sold to the public at the town offices in Virgil and at the Friends of Fort George store at Fort George National Historic Site.

The flags go on sale this Friday, March 23.

Three sizes of the flag are available: 24"x48", 27"x54" and 30"x60". Five-foot aluminum flag poles and mounting brackets are also available.

A limited number of flags are available for the public at this time, however, additional quantities will be ordered as required to satisfy the public response



BEST BUY - CORRECTION NOTICE

NEWSPAPER RETRACTION FOR THE BEST BUY MARCH 30 CORPORATE FLYER: On the March 16 flyer, page 6, the Geek Squad offer: "Geek Squad PC Setup with Norton 360 Premier" (WebCode: 1003355V 1000683V 1008637) was advertised with an invalid savings. Please be advised the product is still priced at \$149, but there is no save claim.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

Jim Armstrong, Dr. Richard Merritt, Wesley Turner, Rick Meleon and Lyle Williams of the War of 1812 committee with Lord Mayor Dave Eke display the new bicentennial flag which is now flying on Queen Street.



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Federal funding announcement welcome news for light show producers

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There is no better place than the historical museum in Niagara-on-the-Lake to make the announcement of \$674,000 to fund 1812 commemorative events, said MP Rob Nicholson when he stopped by the museum Monday to share the good news.

"The heroic efforts of those who fought for our country during the War of 1812 tell the story of Canada as we know it today: independent and free," said Nicholson.

The funding, he said, "will help us revisit this historical period and better understand why this war was a decisive moment in Canadian history."

The \$400,000 will go toward Flames of War, an 1812 outdoor sound and light show that will include music, dance, drama and video that will be presented at Fort George.

Barbara Worthy, a producer, writer, actress and director and Steve Shaw of Steve Shaw Productions will produce and direct a drama of local civilians, of survival, loss, heroics, and victories, set against a backdrop of fire, water and stolen land.

Presentations will be offered with Parks Canada Thursday to Sunday from June until October, and at signature events. It is expected to feature a new, bi-

national tourist attraction that will highlight the significance of the war.

Bob Andrews of Parks Canada, Sarah Maloney of the Niagara Historical Society and Museum and Rick Hill, of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Six Nations Legacy Consortium, are acting as script consultants.

The Niagara Historical Museum will also receive funding—\$83,550 for 1812 projects.

The rest of the money goes to the Niagara Catholic School Board, the Town of Fort Erie and Chatham-Kent for 1812 projects.

Although Nicholson had no funding for Laura Secord's historic walk re-enactment—organizers are hoping for future announcements to go their way—he did say he fully intends to make the trek himself.

If Secord could make

that walk alone for her country, he said, "It's little enough for us to do it as well to recognize the accomplishments of this great local heroine."

Museum director Maloney said she is excited to receive federal support for 1812 programs and events.

"The War of 1812 is an important part of Canadian history. It planted the seeds of Confederation, which

ultimately led to the establishment of the Dominion of Canada in 1867. This funding will allow us to produce and promote our unique programs, engage Canadians in our history, and help rejuvenate heritage tourism in Niagara.



MP Rob Nicholson announced \$674,000 in funding for War of 1812 celebrations at the Niagara Historical Museum Monday, at a gathering of organizers of bicentennial events.



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Please see www.notl.org for detailed route maps, and schedule, fare & stop information. Hard copies are available at: Town Administration Offices, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil.

All transit vehicles will be wheelchair accessible in accordance with requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Please see the Town's website for additional accessibility information.

The Heritage Shuttle will continue to operate seasonally under this new service between Fort George Parking Lot and the Courthouse.



Keeping our Community Connected



\$1.5 million campaign begins

From Page 1

The property is being sold by the District School Board of Niagara, with the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake acting as intermediary.

The elementary school, the original portion of which was built in 1914, closed in 2011, and is in relatively good condition inside, said Smith, although renovations will be necessary once a decision is made about how the rooms will be used.

The purchase and renovations are made possible by \$1 million in investment capital available to Willowbank by RBC.

Willowbank board treasurer Frank Racioppo played a key role in arranging the financing and overseeing the negotiations with DSBN with the Town's senior staff and council's active engagement in the process, said Smith.

"This is a major initiative," said Racioppo, "building on accomplishments over the last few years that have made Willowbank a significant national and international institution. As a builder who has an appreciation for quality design and craftsmanship, it is wonderful to be part of Willowbank's efforts to cultivate these skills in a new generation."

Willowbank will retain the heritage school and its surrounding landscape as a venue for classrooms and workshops, and as the home of its new Centre for Cultural Landscape.

The former playground area at Laura Secord, just a little under an acre now used as a park by the Queenston community, will be donated by Willowbank to the town to remain as a permanent

public park, although an archeological dig might have some impact on the exact location of the public space.

The remaining south end of the property will be rezoned and sold for single family homes, said Smith.

The news of the purchase was accompanied by the launch of a \$1.5 million capital campaign for campus upgrades and estate restoration. Important to the campaign, Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future: The Campaign for Willowbank, are immediate naming opportunities for the new school complex itself and rooms within the school including the auditorium, and rooms in the historic Willowbank estate that will be restored as part of the capital investment program.

A small group of private donors, including Board President Vikki Broer and local residents Jonathan and Elizabeth Kornos, and Rainer and Nancy Hummel, have already pledged an initial \$250,000.

"The success of the quiet phase of the capital campaign demonstrates the community's commitment to helping us grow as an institution, building our capability to offer unparalleled educational programming," says Willowbank director of development Shelley Huson.

Willowbank, established in 2002, is an independent educational institution in the cultural heritage field, operating within the historic setting of the Willowbank Estate. It is at the cutting edge of a shift toward ecological and sustainable heritage conservation, says Smith, with an approach that is dynamic rather than static, and that celebrates the creative continuity of all cultural traditions.

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New manager of planning with 30 years experience joins Town staff

John Henricks will begin his new role for the Town on April 2.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will welcome a new manager of

planning on April 2.

John Henricks has more than 30 years of experience to offer the community—he has served both the private and public sectors in Ontario and Alberta including roles as principal planner and expert witness for the Ontario Municipal Board. Henricks has worked as

project manager for the development of Cimarron Community in Medicine Hat under his firm Henricks and Associates.

He has also worked as director of planning and economic development in Taber, AL, where he oversaw many development initiatives, managed industrial land



John Henricks

development projects and negotiated agreements for new residential land developments.

Before working out west, Henricks served as a planner for the city of Brantford and as a senior planner for a number of private sector companies in London and Vaughan. Henricks holds a

Bachelor of Arts in environmental studies from the University of Waterloo.

The new planning manager graduated with honours in urban and regional planning.

Henricks is a registered professional planner and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Virgil School Urban Design Workshop

PURPOSE

The purpose of this design workshop is to explore preferred development options for the former school site. In addition to potential land use considerations, an emphasis on urban design and placemaking will ensure compatibility with the existing neighbourhood. Special attention will be focused on the integration and future use of the historic one-room school building.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Public participation in the process is welcome and encouraged. Please attend the workshop and be prepared to bring your ideas to the table.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Date: April 14, 2012
Time: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Place: Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre
 14 Anderson Lane
 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

MORE INFORMATION

For more information and to R.V.S.P. please contact Leah Wallace at 905-468-3266, extension 245. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 23rd day of March, 2012.

Notice to the Residents of The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake ANNUAL SEWER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

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We apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding and co-operation during the period of this work.

Water and Wastewater Section
 Department of Public Works

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The Town will be flushing water mains in the following areas on the dates stated below:

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Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Mr. E.J. Kuczera, M.Sc., P. Eng.
 Director of Public Works
 Department of Public Works

Addison book opens window to 1812

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

From 1792 right through the War of 1812 and until his death in 1829, Reverend Robert Addison ministered to the people of Niagara, including many in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

As the first of many cele-

brations to commemorate the War of 1812, St. Mark's will host an open house to debut a book about Addison—Robert Addison: Scholar, Missionary, Minister.

Most people don't know about the life of Addison, says Donald Combe, who researched and wrote the book with Fred Habermehl.

"Many people recognize Sir Isaac Brock, Colonel John Butler and John Graves Simcoe, but they don't know much about Addison."

Addison was the founding rector of St. Mark's and a well-known, educated man in the community during the war. Combe and Habermehl will speak about Addison and the decade they spent researching and writing the 140-page book, which features over 100 graphics at the church.

Combe says the idea to write and research about Addison was sparked in 2000 when he finished a different book about St. Mark's which includes history and facts about the church.

"I thought there was more



SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance
Author Donald Combe shares new book with Rev. Bob Wright, of St. Mark's.

information that we needed to explore."

It was difficult to piece together the life of Addison because much of the information was lost or it was never recorded properly, says Combe.

Much of the new book was pieced together by searching through baptism, death and marriage certi-

icates.

Part of the research for the book also included a challenge from St. Mark's dated some where in the 1700s, a 1500 volume library and parish records prior to the War of 1812 as part of the legacy Addison—all of this, Combe will address during the open house.

The open house is Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. and light refreshments will be served

at Addison after Hall and Combe and Habermehl speak.

If anyone is interested, they may purchase one of the 200 limited edition leatherbound books for \$30.

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Phillips Estate to be converted to home until tourism economy improves

Historic home has been vacant since 2003, and will be vulnerable to deterioration and vandalism if it isn't occupied, planning report says

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Property developer Rainer Hummel was stuck at an airport and couldn't make it to Monday's planning meeting, but had he been there, he would have received the news he's been waiting to hear.

The owner of an histor-

ic home known as the Phillips Estate at the corner of Queen Street and Mississauga had the property rezoned so he could convert it to an elegant 24-room hotel with a restaurant and spa, but a downturn in tourism brought him back to council asking for temporary residential rezoning.

With nobody speaking

against his plans at a public planning meeting Monday, councillors voted to allow him to proceed with his plans to turn the 1.5 acre property into a private residence.

He also plans to rebuild the greenhouse that was dismantled, and add a "garden suite" to a carriage house on the property.

Town planning staff

supported his request, saying it would allow for improvements to a building that has been vacant since 2003, which will visually enhance an important corner in the historic Old Town and the surrounding neighbourhood and preserve the heritage resources on the property.

It is better to have the

house occupied rather than sitting vacant with a potential for deterioration and vandalism, the planning report states.

It is expected the property will be returned to its commercial zoning when the market dictates it's appropriate.

The decision must be ratified by council Monday.

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While it may seem cheaper to drive by local stores on the way to St. Catharines or Niagara Falls to shop at a big box retailer, some homeowners

say that isn't always the case, and there are many reasons other than price to shop locally.

When Joanne and George Bis moved into an older home in Niagara-on-the-Lake more than 25 years ago, the renovations began, and as with most homeowners, it never ends.

They also began shopping in town when they moved here, and that hasn't changed either.



Please see Page 17 Shelagh Wallace of Creek Road Paints demonstrates the computer system that mixes colours perfectly.



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Local businesses give back to community

From Page 16

They recently had a major bathroom renovation completed, along with some other minor work, and every single item that was required was purchased locally.

"We gutted the bathroom and redid it, right down to the studs. We checked out prices, but in the end we bought everything locally—at Penner's, Peninsula Flooring, Creek Road Paints—everything we needed. And we didn't pay any more than we would have if we'd shopped anywhere else," says Joanne.

"We might get something in one of the bigger stores, but it wouldn't be the same quality. You get what you pay for."

Some people think it's almost to stop at the big box stores where you can find everything under one roof, but you don't always get exactly what you want, or the right advice, she adds.

"Here, they know what they're doing, they know their products, and you don't have to drive any further than Virgil."

"Our contractor is from St. Catharines, and he said we wouldn't get a better price than at Penner's," said George. "A lot of contractors from around the region come here to get what they need."

Everything was delivered on time, and the renovation was completed, as scheduled, within the promised two weeks.

They had found some tile they liked in Niagara Falls and went to Peninsula Flooring to see if they could get something similar, said Joanne, and not only did they

end up with the exact same tile, especially ordered, but at a better price.

"I don't believe we overpaid on anything, and we got great service," said Joanne.

"We'd rather give our money to the local guys. That's the only way to be sure they're still around when we need them."

They also bought new furniture at Wall's Countrywide and Lincoln Interiors when they redid their living room.

And they wouldn't go anywhere other than Creek Road Paints for their expert advice, the excellent service and because they use anything other than a quality paint which covers in one coat, says George.

They also like the fact that the store keeps a history of customer purchases, so if they want paint to touch up scratches or fresh-

en up an area, Creek Road Paints can find the exact colour and finish they've used previously.

Creek Road owners Rob Bradley and Shelagh Wallace have also been known to drop off paint to a customer when it's up a ladder at the end of the day and knows he's going to run out, and Bradley, a painter with more than 35 years experience, will offer advice and problem solving if, for example, paint is peeling.

Another aspect of buying locally that not all consumers might think about is the ease of replacement and repairs.

Stefanie Goertz of Jags Repairs says when they sell equipment, they will add fuel and oil and deliver it, ready to be put to work—there's no assembly required.

If it's something like a chain saw or weed cutter,



Exterior painting season is almost upon us, but not quite yet. This photo shows Creek Road Painters at work last year.

they do the same in the store, demonstrating its use so that the customer is familiar with it.

They even register the warranty on the product so

the customer doesn't have to worry about it, and if equipment need servicing, they don't have to drive to the city for repairs.

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Tips for exterior painting to make your house look great: including vinyl siding

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My white vinyl siding looks awful. It looks dirty, but as much as I scrub, I can't get it any cleaner. Can I paint it?

Absolutely. Painting actually protects the vinyl (and aluminum siding) and will make it look like new.

Until recently, vinyl siding could only be painted with similar colours; If it was white, it had to remain white (or a very light colour).

Vinyl siding can begin

to warp and lose its shape if it reaches surface temperatures of 150 degrees Fahrenheit or more, which can happen if the vinyl siding is painted darker than its original factory colour or is painted a colour containing light-absorbing pigments.

Warping is a function of the colour of the paint – not the paint product itself. Benjamin Moore has created new formulas for 60 existing colours, including many darker shades that are safe for use on any colour of vinyl siding.

Why is the paint on my house peeling? I just painted two years ago.

There are so many rea-

sons why paints fail, especially exterior paints that are subjected to the freeze/thaw cycle.

One possible culprit: Paint adheres to clean, dry surfaces. Even if it's not actually raining, the wood needs to be thoroughly dry, and that takes time. If painting is begun too early in the morning, even the dew can affect adhesion. If it's begun too early in the season, the wood hasn't had sufficient time to completely dry.

The best time to paint or stain is after four uninterrupted days of dry sunny weather with nighttime temperatures over 10 degrees C (50 degrees F) and when your wood contains less than 15 per cent

moisture.

A moisture meter is for sale and loan at your local paint store.

We are building a deck this year. Does it really matter what kind of stain we use?

This is a good time to ask. The best possible point to stain a deck is before it is built and after the wood has had time to dry out. Ideally, coating all six sides of the wood is the best way to protect and seal it. An unsealed underside will absorb moisture and potentially ruin the stained deck surface.

Some of the other things that might contribute to your deck peeling are: the deck is built less than two feet off the ground, there is insuffi-

cient air circulation under the deck, or the finish was rolled on, rather than brushed.

The best possible stain depends on your project, the type of wood, the condition of the wood, the age of the wood, the extent of preparation and its current finish.

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The painting season seems so short. Between having to wait for the perfect painting weather and all the gardening, I never seem to get time to paint the outside of my house.

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So, this year, when you are seriously considering a rejuvenation of that old ensuite bathroom that always makes you quickly look sideways to try and forget that it's still in "that state" and you can't possibly ever imagine having to live with it for one more day, with that awful pink tile.

And don't get you started about that nasty tub. Oh, and if you have to look at that horrible light from the 80s, (dare I say 70s?), for another minute!

Relax... It may seem like an overwhelming chore that is easier to just shut the door and forget about, don't.

Renovation and design are amazing—they can be so beneficial to your life. Imagine when you look into that space and all you do is smile.

So, this is going to be your year. Let's get you started.

Unavoidable, but always a must to start any project... the budget, it's on every one's mind. Make sure you understand what you are considering and clearly define what you want at the end of this project.

This means clarity between re-decorating or re-designing. Two very different things... two very different budgets. Re-decorating implies cosmetics, upgrading, and

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Niagara Park's own Chef Elbert Wiersema of Queenston Heights Restaurant will be preparing tasty dishes for the event, along with Paul Pennock, of Edgewaters Tap and Grill, and Sidney Kirk of Elements on the Falls.

Talented guest chefs, including John Tennier and

Matt Atkinson of Remingtons of Niagara, Michael Maddison of Mick and Angelo's Eatery, Daniel Hong of Ah So Sushi, Kevin Clement of Paris Crepes Bistro and Ramil Rezaitynov from Carpaccio Restaurant and Wine Bar.

Special sweets will also be prepared by Niagara Parks' pastry chef Francesca Della Manna and Niagara Ices from Italian Ice Cream by Chef Andrew Vergalito.

Guests are invited to mingle and taste the food prepared by the chefs.

The evening will also feature wines from Peller Estates Winery, Mike Weir Wine, Chateau des Charnes, Jackson Triggs, Inniskillin and Vineland Estates and a product sam-

pling by Molson.

Proceeds from an auction and a raffle from this year's showcase will support events the Niagara's 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Council is hosting.

These events include a candlelight commemoration on June 15 to celebrate the beginning of bicentennial celebrations and a re-enactment of the Battle of Queenston Heights on Oct. 13.

The showcase is scheduled for April 1 from 11:30 to 3 p.m.

Parking is free and tickets are \$65.

They can be purchased in advance at any one of the participating restaurants.



Chef Elbert Wiersema of Queenston Heights Restaurant will prepare dishes for local showcase.

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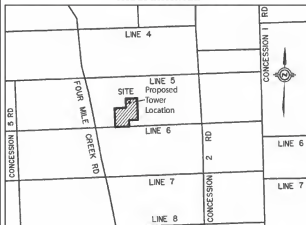
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Caps, corks and forks round two

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

It's round two and the battle between wine and beer is evened out, with a playful rivalry between students in the teaching winery and teaching brewery, says Craig Youdale, chair academic of the CFWI.

The CFWI's signature event made its debut in February and it unveiled a playful rivalry between students in the teaching winery and teaching brewery, says Craig Youdale, chair academic of the CFWI.

Winners from the college formed teams to pair the best wines and beers together.

The pairings were meant to match the event's elegant dinner prepared by the college's culinary students.

Guests had the opportunity to savor and vote for their favourite pairings after each course, which resulted in a 3-3 tie between the beer and wine students.

"To determine the winner, the guests voted and the wine students won overall."

The CFWI will be hosting the second Caps, Corks and Forks this Friday once again, two new teams of winemaking and beer brewing students face the task of providing the best pairings to enhance the tastes of a six-course meal.

"The first event was such a success, we thought we'd do it one more time before school finished so we could involve even more students."

Youdale says the event is an opportunity for students to highlight their skills.

"It's our hope that we do this event two or three times a year to let students show off the skills they have learned."

Under the guidance of chef and professor Tony de Luca, Niagara College's students will prepare the elegant feast for guests while they swish, swirl and enjoy wine and beer and vote for the best, says Youdale.



Wine students Morgan Juniper, Jody Curry, Jacklyn Boyd, Mary Catharine Wasilik, Andrea Fajarczuk, and professor Jennifer Wilhelm were the winners of the first Caps, Corks and Forks.

Dishes that will be served include smoked Ontario trout, roasted rabbit loin, risotto with parmesan foam, and stuffed leg of Ontario

lamb.
"Guests will also be served a delicious stout chocolate cake and cherry Merlot mouse that is fantastic."

The second Caps, Corks and Forks is will begin at 6 p.m. at Benchmark Restaurant at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.



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Queenston's RiverBrink Art Museum welcomes new curator

There's a new face working at the RiverBrink Art Museum in Queenston.

David Aurandt took over as RiverBrink's new curator and director on March 5.

"RiverBrink Art Museum has a truly unique contribution to make to the stories of Canadian art and history," says

Aurandt.

"I am very pleased to now have a part in telling those important stories as we aim to reach a wider audience."

Hewas born in Connecticut and he came to live in Canada in 1965, becoming a full Canadian citizen in 1971, and has spent the last 25 years

teaching literature, writing, art history and studio courses at several Canadian universities, including Brock University.

He has been involved in curatorial work and arts administration in Canada and the US and he has served as the director of the Thunder

Bay Art Gallery, a consultant for Eastman Kodak at the Creative Imaging Centre in Maine, the director of Rodman Hall Arts Centre in St. Catharines and an executive director of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa.

Aurandt is also an artist

whose work has been shown in a number of exhibitions in Canada and the US.

He is past president of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries, and a member of the Canadian Art Museum Directors Organization.

The new curator holds a bachelor's degree from

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Irish dancers celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Queen Street

Students from School of Irish Dancing in St. Catharines perform in front of Penny Design.

Penny Coles
Niagara News

With a store that specializes in all things Irish, it's almost expected that there be St. Patrick's Day celebrations, says Maureen Dickson of Irish Design.

So for the 25 years the

store has been in business on Queen Street, Maureen and Paul have hosted students from the School of Irish Dancing in St. Catharines to mark the day that has become probably the most widely celebrated saint's day in the world.

When they first opened the store, they had a smaller group of dancers perform inside, but in recent years, the dance group has grown and the weather has drastically improved in March, allowing for an outdoor performance, says Maureen.

Also, since the store

moved across the street, they have had a nice patio area outside for the dancers to perform.

People come from around the region specifically to watch the dancers, says Maureen, and the colourful, talented young people always draw a good crowd from the street.

Also, inside the store, local musician Anne Marie Reghere plays the harp on St. Patrick's Day.

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Visitors and residents walking along Queen Street were treated to a performance from The School of Irish Dance outside of Irish Design on St. Patrick's Day. Store owners Maureen and Paul Dickson, of Irish Design, have been hosting students from the school in St. Catharines to mark the celebration for the last 25 years.

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Grade 3 students experience pioneer life in one-room school house

St. Michael students have great success with their speeches



St. Michael Catholic School In the Classroom

Grade 5/6 students
St. Michael School

What a fantastic March break. Whether you went away or spent it at home, we have to say we were blessed with sunny weather perfect for getting outdoors.

Welcome back to school. We now have a solid few weeks until Easter break comes.

Before March break, the Grade 3 classes went out to experience pioneer life in the pioneer classroom at Jordan. All the students and their teachers dressed up as loners. They brought back

lunches, learned what it would be like sitting in a one room school house and were taught games that children back then would have played. The students all came back smiling and excited about their day.

Update in the speech news: Our junior finalist, Stanley Eltoft, competed at

the provincial finals and won first overall. Congrats to Stanley on his hilarious speech.

Our intermediate finalist, Shaun Donnelly, also competed at the provincial finals and won the Catholic Distinction Award. Congrats to Shaun for her impressive speech.

We also need to mention our speakers who competed at the Royal Canadian Legion level. Bethany Polit won the junior division and will be carrying on to the Zone competition this Saturday in Welland, as will our intermediate competitor Christian Ramirez. Good luck to both of you as you continue to represent our school and now our Niagara community.

Over the March break, Father Mitchell and church volunteers hosted an Altar

Servers party and training session. Fifteen students attended. They learned the routines of a Catholic mass, practiced how to serve, and then got to enjoy pizza and a movie. Special thanks to Brian K, Laura Crocco, and especially Father Mitchell. We look forward to serving at mass on Saturday and Sunday and we are excited to gather again and bring some more friends to join in!

Lastly, we have a few upcoming trips and events. Many from our school are going to watch the women's hockey in Niagara Falls on Friday. This is our chance to see Olympic-calibre hockey players, who are women, in action.

Our Science Team will be competing in the 50th Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair this weekend. We wish Morgan Buis, Colby Ostromeski, Connor Hendricks, Matthew Tkach, Shaun Donnelly, Katherine Li, Maria Jagdal, and Luca Laviole the best of luck.

Then the week after the Grade 3 students are travelling to the sugar bush, and the Grade 5 students will be heading to the Royal Ontario Museum to see the special



Pioneer students for the day: Sophia Chaparro Bayona (back row), Abby Davidson, Chelsea Farinacci, Sarah Simionescu, Lauren Grimwood, Oishi Ray, Tess Roberts-Ramos and (front) Jueva Mstromatteo, Maya Clattenburg, Neha Jacob, Leah Voigt, and Alina Patterson.

Mayan exhibit. The last week of March, our library will hold our Book Fair.

We end with a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers. Without them, our pasta days, pizza days, and food days would not run smoothly. And to all these parents an even bigger thank you for coming in and making over 800 pancakes for

Pancake Tuesday. Each of us enjoyed at least two pancakes.

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Thunderhawks prepare for this year's lacrosse season

General manager anticipates a transitional team building year for the Junior B team.

Penny Colles
Niagara Advance

Junior lacrosse has a long and successful history in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and the eighth season of the Thunderhawks is expected to add to the reputation of local strength in Canada's national sport.

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season to be rewarding.

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Returning players Cam Luis and Ryan Wagner hope not to repeat that heartbreaker—their goal is to help lead their team to the playoffs this season, which begins with an away game April 28 and a home opener against Owen Sound April 29.

In the meantime, Thunderhawks will be holding tryouts in the Bill Burgoyne Arena in St. Catharines beginning April 5.

Wagner, 17, began his lacrosse career at the age of five and hopes to continue to Junior A, once he's had a chance to elevate his

defence strength this season, his second with the Thunderhawks at the Junior B level—he was last season's Rookie of the Year.

Also returning this season is Cam Luis, who describes himself as a "late bloomer"—he began playing pee-wee lacrosse at the age of 10. A hockey player in the local league, he discovered lacrosse was fast, fun, always interesting—and different from any other sport.

Both agree that while lacrosse may have a reputation of being especially aggressive and physical, in the reality it's what ever is necessary to lead their team to wins.

"Once you're out there, you just do what you have to do for the team. It's all part of the game," says Wagner. "It's a great workout. You're always on the move, always on your feet."

When he moved up to Junior B last year, Wagner says, it was a time of chemistry-building for the team, but as the bonding process progressed throughout the year, the team came together and played well together.

With the loss of senior players, the same will occur this season, he said.

"It's not just about coming out for lacrosse. It's also about meeting and bonding with a great bunch of guys, including those who come from state-side."

About half the team comes from Tuscarora in the US, which has played a strong part in the successful history of Niagara lacrosse.

The coaching team includes Randy and Roger Chrysler, who both come from Tuscarora and who both played for the Niagara

Warriors when they were winning national championships.

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Janzen says there is huge support for the sport locally, much of it from alumni who were around either as players or spectators for past successes—and some of whom are financial sponsors of the Thunderhawks, contributing to the \$25,000 annual cost of the team.

The goal for most of the players is to go on to Junior A, and many of them do, says Janzen.

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Junior B team looking for lacrosse players from the area to join

From Page 27

Lacrosse also presents a good opportunity for US scholarships, he says.

"It's amazing how many local boys are playing in the US. That's one option—the other is major lacrosse."

There are seven NOTL players now on Junior A teams throughout the region, he said.

In 1969, Peter Conradi Sr., Stan Ignatczyk and Andy Iggulden brought Junior B



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—Al Janzen
general manager

lacrosse Warriors to NOTL. They practised in the St. Michael Catholic School gymnasium, or outdoors where the ball diamonds are now in Virgil.

Centennial Arena, which opened in 1967, was only available for lacrosse games, not practices.

Local legend has it that the team "gained entry" to the arena on a few rainy evenings to practise, unknown to the towns Parks and Recreation department.

The team was one of the

top in the league, making its first run at the provincial title in 1971, losing after a final series that went to a seventh game.

The Warriors built a dedicated fan base—a record 1,400 fans packed into the Virgil arena for one playoff game—and although the Thunderhawks don't see those numbers, they do have a dedicated fan base of all ages, including some of the alumni from the earliest years, says Janzen.

In 1973, with Monty Slingerland and Stan Ignatczyk coaching, a team

led by Mike French, Norman Hope, Joe Engemann, Willi Plett and with the goateen-ding of John Skubel, the Warriors had a breakthrough season, winning gold at the Ontario Summer Games, gold at the Canada Games and the Canadian Championship, the Founders Cup Trophy. French went on to rewrite the scoring books at Cornell University, and holds Ivy League scoring records to this day. French is the only player in history to be inducted into the US and Canadian Lacrosse Halls of

Fame.

The Niagara Warriors won the Founders Cup Trophy again in 1981, coached by Bob McCready, who went on to coach with the St. Catharines Jr. Athletics.

The Warriors were returned over to the Spartan Athletic Club in 1984, and after a hiatus of almost two decades, with a returning success of the National Lacrosse League in recent years, the interest in playing lacrosse in Niagara grew, and in 2003, the Thunderhawks were admitted into the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior B league, posting the best record of all the three expansion leagues that season.

The team could still use some lacrosse players from the area, says Janzen. Anyone interested in trying out or wanting more information can call him at 905-468-5814 or visit www.thunderhawks.ca.



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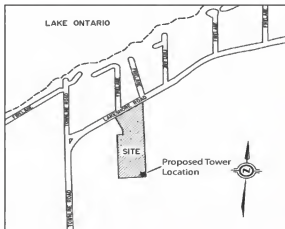
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Dancers win gold at competition

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All 16 dances performed

by the studio's dancers received marks of higher than 85 per cent, awarding the studio gold standing.

The dancers competed in a variety of dancer styles including ballet, modern and lyrical. In addition to group performances, some dancers braved solo and duet compe-



Dancers from Miss Ilona's School of Dance celebrate off the awards they won from the Ontario Dance Competition. The school performed 16 dances and the school was awarded gold standing at the competition.

titions.

More than 10 dance studios across Ontario participated in the competition that is supported by the Dance Teachers Association.

Judging was based on three components—costume, choreography, and dancer ability. Three seasoned judges carefully viewed each performance

and made verbal commentary as well as point grades. In the under-six age group, Leah Schouten was award first place for her ballet solo and Amelie Merrill, Danika Blinicki, Jade Swanson, Katelyn Duffy and Penelope McClure took first place for their group performance.

In the seven to eight age group, Bethany Politi took first place for her solo and Ellie Harrison took second place, also for

a solo.

Jenna Cowan and Melanie Voogt took first place for their ballet duet.

Polli, Harrison, Emily Abt, Grace Kugler, Grace Muir, Ingrid Shuis and Rachel Lum took first place for their group performance.

In the nine to 10 age group, Katherine Kononyk and Kathleen Maier took first place for their ballet duet, Aallah Bint-Sadoun and Rachel Kugler took second and

Clara DeMunnich and Ellie Agnew took third place.

In the 11 to 12 age group, Tia Rollason and Cassandra Mori took first for their duet, Angelique Merrill and Michelle Stancik took first place for their modern dance duet and Dinah Van Edmond, Julia Voogt and Lauren Cain took second place for their modern duet.

Rachel Bannerman took first place in the 13 to 14 age group for her ballet solo.

Christina Suarez and

Stephanie Kozak

took first for their character duet and Cassandra Mori, Christina Suarez, Colleen Klassen, Juliette Chapman, Michelle Stancik, Rachel Bannerman, Stephanie Kozak and Tia Rollason took first place for their lyrical group performance.

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The NOTL Skating Club travelled to Simcoe where they competed in the Futures Competition. Skaters performed well, winning eight golds, one silver and two bronze medals.

Skaters win gold, silver and bronze at Simcoe competition

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Skating Club glided away from the Futures Competition held in Simcoe with top titles.

This competition was the first for many of the skaters and the results were outstanding.

Gold medals were given to eight skaters including Mackenzie Graba winning WO Pre-Preliminary Ltd group four, Alyssa Hunter

won STARSkate Preliminary group three, Abby Johnstone won STARSkate Preliminary group two, Taylor McLachlan won WO Preliminary B Ltd, Marlin McLaughlin won WO CanSkate group two, Tess Roberts-Ramos won WO CanSkate group four, Avery Royer won WO Pre-Preliminary Ltd group two and Kaitlyn Wiens

won STARSkate Preliminary Ltd group two.

Winning a silver medal was Kyra Marotta for the STARSkate pre-preliminary group one.

Winning bronze medals were Rachael Hunter in the WO Pre-Preliminary

Ltd group two and Angelina Maniatis in the STARSkate Pre-Preliminary, group one.

Skaters Jessie Jones, Madison MacLean, Cwenyth Preston, Kristin Cripps, Antonia Martin, Kaitlyn Ostromecki and

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Local tyke teams Royal Canadian Legion, Century 21 battle it out in action-packed game

In tyke action of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association, fans were bowling as two local teams battled in an action-packed game.

The game concluded with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 tykes defeating the Gary Zalepa Century 21 tykes last weekend 2-1. Scoring for Branch 124,

Noah Ostromecki shot the first goal past Century 21 goaltender Ethan Williams in the first period. Lucas Williams scored the second goal for Branch 124,

with an assist from Madison Giampa. Branch 124 goaltender Williams fought off the opposition, making amazing saves while goal tender Theo

VanderKay of Century 21 displayed amazing skills in the net. Both tyke teams showed great defence and determination.

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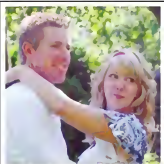
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